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STATE ED BOARD MEETS NOV. 5-6, RECOGNIZES TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Gov. Dave Heineman and the State Board of Education will recognize the new 2009 Nebraska Teacher of the Year, Dan McCarthy of Hastings High School, on Nov. 5 at the Governor's Mansion in Lincoln.

McCarthy and three Award of Excellence winners will be recognized at a luncheon before the State Board of Education meets in work session on Nov. 5. McCarthy was named Nebraska Teacher of the Year on Oct. 10. The Award of Excellence winners are Beth Murphy Anderson of Brownell Talbot School in Omaha, Mary Dueland of Central Elementary School in McCook and Ricardo Vázquez of Westside High School in Omaha.

On Nov. 6, the State Board of Education will consider approval of the employment contract for the new Nebraska Commissioner of Education, Roger Breed, who currently serves as Elkhorn Public Schools superintendent.

Other highlights of the Nov. 5-6 work session and meeting include:

- Consider approval of the Nebraska Department of Education's proposed deficit budget request.
- Discussion on the state's new standards for reading, writing, speaking and listening.
- Discussion on a standards, assessment and accountability policy.
- Response to the Liquor Control Commissioner.
- A report on the American Diploma Project and P21 by Marty Mahler, coordinator of the P-16 initiative.
- A presentation, *Digital Overview of Engaged Schools*, by Gary Gordon, a strategic consultant and author, and Clint Carlos, Gallup associate partner and engaged schools specialist.

The State Board of Education will meet at the State Office Building, 6th Floor, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, beginning at 2 p.m. on Wednesday and at 9 a.m. on Thursday. The work session and meeting may be viewed at many county extension offices and school district offices across the state on NebSAT Channel 105. However, because of scheduling conflicts, some offices may not make the broadcast available. Those interested in viewing the State Board of Education meeting should call their local site in advance to confirm the availability of the broadcast. The State Board of Education meeting agenda is available on the Nebraska Department of Education website at <http://www.nde.state.ne.us/StateBoard/agendas.html>.